# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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AGRARIAN CRISIS IN KERALA
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Govt. has appointed a committee headed by DR. M. S. Swaminathan to look into Agrarian Crisis in Kerala and to formulate special package for Alappuzha and Idukki district of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its terms of reference alsongwith the time frame allowed to the committee to submit its study report;

(c) whether the committee has also been asked to study the problems faced by the fishermen in the Tsunami hit areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Study on sustainable development of Kuttanad wetland eco-system has been assigned to M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). The MSSRF has been advised to make specific recommendations on the following:-

(i) Measures for strengthening the ecological security of the Kuttanad wetland eco-system;

(ii) Measures for expending sustainable livelihood opportunities for the people of the area.

The Foundation has submitted its interim report on 13.2.2007 and the final report is expected by June 2007. MSSRF has also been advised to expand the scope of the said study to cover Idduki district.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.